Mastered By God Alone (Part 2)

Tony Mauck · 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

INTRODUCTION

- We are the physical interface of Jesus with the world. What this question is telling us is our bodies serve as his limbs.
- We're the laptop screen. People need to be able to see Jesus in us.
- There is no such thing as harmless casual relations for the Christian.

1 Paul Is Answering the Freedom Enthusiasts

Galatians 5:1; Acts 13:39; 1 Peter 2:16

- Rarely is there any such thing as absolute freedom.
- Freedom has limits. And so also does our freedom in Christ.
- Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? May it never be.
- It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.
- Act as free men, but do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bond slaves of God.

2 Paul Is Constructing a Dialogue

1 Corinthians 6:12–13

- What Paul is doing in 1 Corinthians 6 is constructing a dialogue.
- Everything that follows the but is really clear as to what God's intentions are.
- Even things that are lawful, sometimes I must refrain for the benefit or edification of others.
- Here's what they were saying sexual desire is like the desire to eat.
- What you do in the body does affect your soul.

3 Guard Ourselves Against Unholy Union

1 Corinthians 6:16; 1 Corinthians 7:4

- We need to guard ourselves against unholy union.
- God who created male and female has the right as our creator and as sovereign of the universe to determine what is acceptable behavior.
- It's not an innocent casual hookup. Whether we're talking about an actual person or a virtual relationship.
- What we do in the body matters.
- Don't think that the 21st century is going to be any different.

4 Read the Fine Print

1 Corinthians 6:17; 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9

- Grace has been extended to all, but certain terms and conditions may apply.
- Here's the fine print of Christianity. And if you're going to sign on to be a servant of the Lord, you better read the fine print.
- The one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with him.
- You're signing on to be one mind with Christ. To think like he thinks.
- We've got to become more like him in the way we think and the way we speak and the way we behave in our lives.

5 You Were Bought With a Price

1 Corinthians 6:20; 1 Peter 1:19

- Because you're in Christ, you've been purchased on the auction block.
- When you're standing on the auction block, Jesus says, You're worth my blood.
- We're redeemed with the precious blood of a lamb without spot and without blemish.

THE CHALLENGE

And would you embrace his wonderful provision of freedom and the hope of immortality?

MY NOTES